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Night riders

By Alice Truong

Are you a nocturnal creature? Love your trusty hipster bike? Want to watch the sun rise over Lake Michigan?

Join 9,000 bikers at L.A.T.E. Ride's 21st

annual after-midnight bike ride. Bikers of all levels will meet at Buckingham Fountain starting at 11 p.m. Saturday and will hit the streets at 1:30 a.m. for an under-the-stars trek through various Chicago neighborhoods before coming full circle at Grant Park. Before the 25-mile journey starts, there will be live music as well as contests for best-lit bike and best-decorated hel-

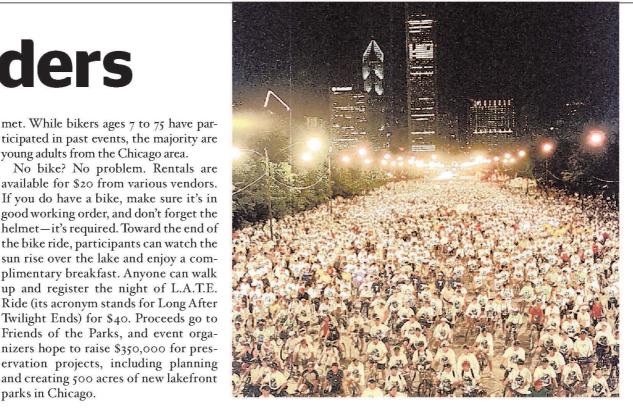
IF YOU GO

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McDonald's ticipated in past events, the majority are L.A.T.E. Ride, 11 young adults from the Chicago area. p.m. Saturday No bike? No problem. Rentals are Buckingham Fountain in **Grant Park**

available for \$20 from various vendors. If you do have a bike, make sure it's in good working order, and don't forget the helmet-it's required. Toward the end of the bike ride, participants can watch the sun rise over the lake and enjoy a complimentary breakfast. Anyone can walk up and register the night of L.A.T.E. Ride (its acronym stands for Long After Twilight Ends) for \$40. Proceeds go to Friends of the Parks, and event organizers hope to raise \$350,000 for preservation projects, including planning and creating 500 acres of new lakefront parks in Chicago.





More heat. Can't complain ... can we?



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Chicago League of Lady Arm Wrestlers present a 10 lady arm wrestlers and two crooked referees. Includes hosted cocktails (10-11 p.m.). 10 p.m. Saturday. The Spot, 4437 N. Broadway

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theatrical event featuring 773-728-8934. \$10

Summer **Cooking Class**

Warehouse District

Executive chef Mark Mendez (right) leads a class detailing cooking and preparation techniques of several summer dishes including guacamole, ceviche, Latin steak marinades and chimichurri steak sauce. Noon, Reservations required. Carnivale, 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005. \$25



GameBreaker aolf clinic Lincoln Park

Learn techniques from a PGA pro who discusses common faults and fixes, short game, long game, putting and more. 11 a.m.; Through Aug. 22. RSVP: gamebreakergolf.com. Diversey Driving Range and Mini-Golf, 141 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-592-6405.

Cirque du Dream

Lincoln Park

A hosted bar (8-9 p.m.) and Cirque du Soleil-style performers kick off this bash celebrating the grand reopening of Krem as new concept Dream. 8 p.m. Krem, 1750 N. Clark St. 312-932-1750 No cover.

REDEYE/MMX PICK Bastille Day

River North

Mark the holiday with a sampling of French sparkling wines and champagnes both indoors and on the outdoor courtyard. 3 p.m. Pops for Champagne, 601 N. State St. 312-266-7677. \$35

Pet-friendly barbecue

Near South Side

Bring your pooch for an a la carte barbecue on the patio. Dogs get biscuits and jerky. 3 p.m. M/X, 2233 S. King Drive 312-528-4140.





Let's hear it for the 'hoods!

THE HIDDEN AGENDA

Chicago Trolley and Double Decker tours

At the Park Shop at Millennium Park At the Park Shop at Millermann, a.... 11 N. Michigan Ave., 773-648-5000; **chicagotrolley.com**

Check it out if you ... like being able to recite weird facts about Chicago, want to visit a few spots downtown in one day without having to deal with the "L" or parking fees, have been looking for

a good way to see more of the city's neighborhoods.

The deets: For \$29 every day through Labor Day you can take a guided tour of Chicago's top tourist attractions and several neighborhoods. New this year, the tickets also include access to three neighborhood trolley tours. The West Neighborhoods Tour covers Chinatown, Little Italy and Greektown, while the

North trip visits the Lincoln Park Zoo and Wrigley Field (this one doesn't run on Cubs home game days). The South tour cruises through President Obama's neighborhood. Each tour takes about two hours, with guides, who are often drawn from the local theater scene, providing plenty of bizarre trivia and tips for great photo opportunities. All the trips are hop on, hop off, so if you want to explore a little you can take your time and get back on the next trolley or bus to stop at the destination.

The payoff: Sightseeing without the sore

Find your fest

Looking for info on BenFest, Chicago Folk and Roots Festival, Jeff Fest or any other fest going on this weekend? Check out metromix.com for everything you need to know.



THE GAMER

Who's playing at home



Cubs vs. St. Louis

3:10 p.m. Saturday, 12:05 p.m. and 7:05 p.m. Sunday, Wrigley Field

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Irish American Heritage Festival

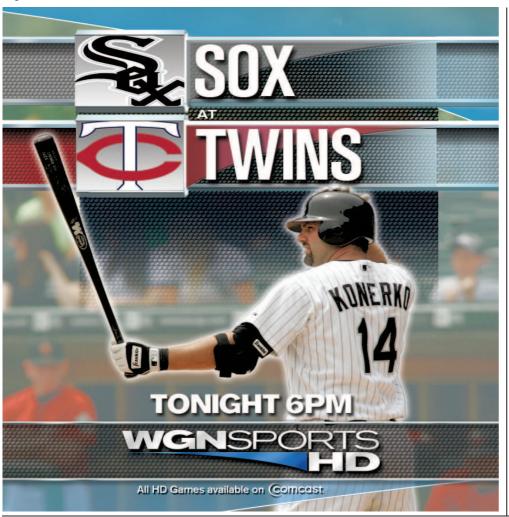
North Park

Hear live Irish and American music on five stages at this indoor-outdoor cultural fest, featuring such bands as Searson (Saturday) and Gaelic Storm (Sunday). Noon. \$14; \$7 for seniors; free for kids under age 12. Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave. 773-282-7035 ext. 10.

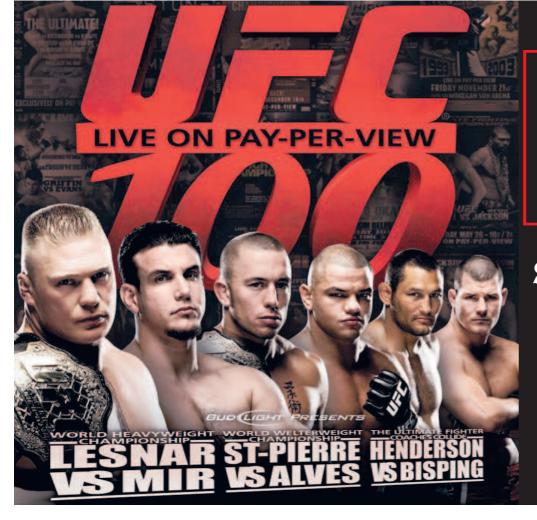
Dog Days of Summer

Bring your pooch for brunch on the patio and order a treat from a menu for dogs. 7 a.m.; Through Sept. 20. South Water Kitchen, 225 N. Wabash Ave. 312-236-9300. Prices vary.

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Casting call!

Illinois politics were made for movies

When Atty. Gen. Lisa Madigan said Wednesday that she's running for re-election instead of seeking higher office, she acknowledged her decision would set off a political scramble. No matter what happens in the coming days and weeks and months leading up to next year's election, which is wide open because the governor and U.S. senator seats are up for grabs, there will definitely be drama. RedEye thinks it's enough to cast a movie featuring a few key players. APCONTRIBUTED.



Demi Moore Lisa Madigan



TomSkilling



Sherman Hemsley



Roland Burris



Willem Dafoe



Michael Madigan



Jason Sudeikis



Rod Blagojevich



The Rock



Barack Obama

The name game Gather 'round the grill this weekend and lift your

wieners high to the sky in tribute to Oscar Mayer. He died Monday at age 95. Mayer's death in a Wisconsin nursing home got us thinking about other famous food "names" out there. Were they, like Mayer, real people? TRIBUNE



1. Betty Crocker Real or fake?



2. Orville Redenbacher Real or fake?



Real or fake?



4. Uncle Ben Real or fake?



Real or fake?

Answers: 1. Fake, 2. Real, 3. Real, 4. Fake, 5. Real

Heat index

RedEye takes the temperature



Such a Samantha thing to do



CTA hybrids Yes, but are they on time?



Jackson memorial A world event



Traffic congestion A Chicago event



Google Chrome Technology showdown!



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I want my new TV!

Many consumers are getting all the escape they need from the comfort of their couches

Los Angeles Times

On the shopping list for budget-minded consumers: groceries, gas—and a new flat-panel TV?

Shelling out hundreds of dollars on a TV is hardly wallet-friendly, but LCD and plasma sets have been flying off the shelves all year, with some retailers saying sales are better now than they were during the holiday season.

Retail experts say the boob tube boomlet stems in part from dramatic price-slashing by retailers who are trying to undercut the competition and need to move merchandise to make room for newer, snazzier models. The recent transition by broadcast stations to digital signals also brought out droves of shoppers who used the deadline as motivation to replace their outdated TVs.

Switch it up

Saving money by channel surfing?
At least do it right. **curt wagner**, **redeye**



INSTEAD OF A SPA WEEKEND, RELAX WITH ...

'Weeds' 9 p.m. Mondays, Showtime I'm not promoting the use of marijuana that this dark comedy shows, but a little "Weeds" can be relaxing after a long Monday at work.

INSTEAD OF A SHOPPING SPREE, ENVY ... Rich people on reality TV

The wealthy show off all their spendy threads on Bravo's "NYC Prep" (8 p.m. Tuesdays), "The Real Housewives" franchise (left) and "Miami Social" (debuts 9 p.m. Tuesday). Go ahead: Hate 'em.

But there's also a recession twist: Some industry watchers say that people are upgrading their TVs because they're spending more time at home during the economic downturn.

Could the recession be turning people into couch potatoes?

"Consumers are increasingly using the home as a place to look for entertainment," said Riddhi Patel, an analyst at research firm ISuppli Corp. "And TV becomes the main medium. ... People are saying instead of taking trips during the summer, they may as well stay at home and buy a TV."

Like many others, Fidel Rubalcaba, 41, and his family have cut expenses lately, forgoing boating excursions and motorcycle trips to the desert.

"It's the middle of June; normally we'd have gone boating three or four times," he said last month. "This year, it's none." Still, the pool maintenance worker said he was tempted to buy a new TV as he checked out a 55-inch Samsung LCD model with LED backlighting on sale for \$2,700 at a Best Buy in Culver City, Calif., this month.

Although the TV would be a pricey purchase, "in the long run, by not doing as many activities as we used to, it will pay for itself," Rubalcaba said

Locally, Angel Green-Cholke, of Park Forest, noted she and her husband have been more inclined to "staycation" rather than leave town. She said she has been watching more TV since last winter: "More reality TV and a lot of comedies, like the Cosby family. I think it gives me a sense of an escape."

"My husband and I kind of stay in and don't go out as much," said Green-Cholke, 32. "We are either renting a video or watching TV."

While Green-Cholke said she hasn't bought

a new TV recently, shipments of new flat-panel TVs in the U.S. and Canada totaled 7.8 million units in the first three months of the year, according to ISuppli, an increase of 17.3 percent from the same period last year. The research firm said that, starting in April, TVs 32 inches and smaller have been in short supply.

Many shoppers are choosing less expensive TV models and value brands, Patel said. TVs priced at less than \$1,000 are doing especially well.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer overall, has expanded its selection of flat-panel sizes and brands during the last few years to meet demand, spokeswoman Melissa O'Brien said.

"Even in a down economy, enhancing home entertainment has been important for the public," O'Brien said.

Other retailers have launched similar efforts to attract customers. At Best Buy stores, lower-

priced TVs are prominently displayed. Target has been advertising its deals in weekly circulars.

Patrick Finnegan, a home theater specialist at the recently opened Best Buy store on the Magnificent Mile, said he has noticed more people buying high-definition sets.

"I think people would rather stay in and watch a movie instead of go out to a movie theater," said Finnegan, who has been a Best Buy employee for 2 ¹/₂ years. "I have spoken to a few consumers about it, and I had that sense about a year ago. I have worked for a couple different Best Buys and have seen [an increase in TV sales] all over."

Finnegan noted that the digital TV transition deadline in June drove customers into the store to buy new TVs rather than converter boxes. That same motivating factor applied to buyers around the country. After waiting years for TV prices to drop, Lee Stern found himself

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INSTEAD OF TAKING AN **ADVENTURE VACATION, WATCH...**

'Burn Notice'

9 p.m. Thursdays, USA

This action series literally explodes off the screen as ex-spy Michael Weston (Jeffrey Donovan) evades local cops while blasting across steamy Miami to stop foes old and new.

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INSTEAD OF GOING OUT TO EAT, LEARN FROM... The Food Network

Tons of top celebrity chefs not only tantalize with their tasty dishes, they also show you how to make them for yourself. I'm a sucker for BBQ, so Bobby Flay (above) leads the way. But I looove how fat Paula Deen can make me.

still stuck with his nearly 20-year-old analog set just days before the digital-transition deadline.

So Stern, an office manager at a postproduction studio, headed recently to a Target in West Hollywood, where he compared 32-inch LCDs. He was pleased by how reasonable prices had become.

"I'm really being forced to because of the conversion," he said of buying a new TV, "but the prices are at a point where I can afford it."

Industry analysts say they expect flat-panel sales to remain strong even as consumers continue to scrimp on other retail purchases such as apparel and home furnishings.

That may be because many consumers see a TV more as a necessity than a frivolous purchase, said Britt Beemer, chairman of consumer behavior firm America's Research Group.

"When you ask consumers what item in the house gives you the most enjoyment," he said, "TVs will always be No. 1." REDEYE'S MELANIE KUCERA CONTRIBUTED.



INSTEAD OF NAVIGATING NAVY PIER, TUNE IN TO ... '10 Things I Hate About You'

7 p.m. Tuesdays, ABC Family

ABC Family is the network of choice for families, but anyone who has survived high school will get into this fun sitcom inspired by the 1999 film starring Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles.

INSTEAD OF GOING ON A ROAD TRIP, RENT...

'Long Way Round' and 'Long Way Down'

Follow actors Ewan McGregor (left) and Charley Boorman as they ride their motorcycles all the way from Europe to New York, and then from Scotland to Cape Town, South Africa. Both are awesome road trips.



A brand-new boob tube: Is there anything it can't do?

Feel free to file this under Things That Are Obvious, but I need to make a declaration: TV is

Some people like to brag about not owning a TV or not watching one with any regularity. They like to go on and on about how you don't need a set anymore because you can download everything on Hulu. They like to make it appear that a dalliance with that great big glowing box in the living room is a waste of time or—dare you believe it—is

Those people are morons.

I made due with a Flintstones-era boob tube for two years before the digital switch this summer forced me to get off my keister and into a Best Buy. Now I have a fully functional flat screen with picture AND sound. It's awesome, plain and simple. Watching all the latest shows on an actual screen rather than on my laptop has been a singular joy.

I was going to write more about it, but the "Mad Men" collection from Season I was calling my name. (That's right: It plays DVDs too!)

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DRINK/EAT IT Eight beers/eight dishes

'Hood: Pilsen

Revel in Midwestern food and brew during the first quarterly beer feast at **Simone's Bar** (960 W. 18th St. 312-666-8601), titled A Midwest Summer Night's Dream Beer Dinner. Tickets include a whopping eight pairings, such as Bell's Oberon with salted watermelon and heirloom tomato skewers, Founders Red Rye ale with savory maple-bacon bread pudding, Old Style with homemade chips, and Dark Horse Raspberry Ale with beer-spiked chocolate ice cream. Salivating yet? Call Simone's to reserve a spot—seats are filling up fast. When you get there, head to the bar's back room, a.k.a. Simone's Lab. Can't make it? Never fear. Simone's staff of beer lovers is already planning its fall beer dinner.

When: 7 p.m. Sunday Cash: \$50

Old St. Pat's World's Largest Block Party

Hood: West Loop

What makes a big block party the world's largest? Let's see, about 18,000 people, blocks and blocks of food and drink vendors, and an oft-spoken theory about singles meeting at the fest and eventually marrying. Works for us! Join the throngs at **Old St.**



Des Plaines Avenue. 312-648-1590) this weekend as the 25th annual shindig celebrates summer. Don't miss headliners Ben Folds (8:30 p.m. Saturday) and contagious local pop rockers Headlights (5:30 p.m. Saturday) and Skybox (7 p.m. Saturday). Tickets include five drink tickets for beer, wine, soda and water. Charitable bonus: Bring a non-perishable food item along with you; it'll go to the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

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When: 5:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday

Cash: \$40

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the it list What's hot this weekend



TOAST IT Bikes and beer

Hood: Logan Square

Sick of sitting in traffic? Tired of dealing with parking meters. potholes, gas gouging and the environmental effects of driving? You're in good company at Tour de Fat (Palmer Square Park, 3100 W. Palmer Blvd.). New Belgium Brewery's bike-friendly festival kick starts its kickstands Saturday with a bike parade of costumed riders showing off their two-wheel steeds. Watch the revelry, then head back to Palmer Square for \$516-ounce pints of six New Belgium beer varieties, including Fat Tire. Get yourself a wristband, and you're automatically qualified to win a custom, limited-edition New Belgium bike. How rare are these bikes? Let's just say the only other way you can get one is working for the brewery. Stick around till 2:40 p.m. to witness a Chicagoan trade his car for a brand new, hand-made commuter bike. Local punk-rock marching band Mucca Pazza wraps up the fest at 3 p.m. All beer and swag proceeds benefit local bike education programs at West Town Bikes. More info: followyourfolly.com

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; those riding in the 10 a.m. parade should register by 9:30 a.m.

Cash: No cover

HEAR IT Folk and Roots tunes

'Hood: Lincoln Square

Toss aside any stereotypes you may have conjured about folk-rock genres, because this weekend's annual **Chicago Folk and Roots Festival** (Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave. 773-728-6000) is meant for rock lovers of all kinds. The offerings at the Old Town School of Folk Music's bash are seemingly endless, but don't feel overwhelmed. Start by hitting up one of several weekend dance workshops, including the rumba lesson (2:10 p.m. Saturday) and polka lesson (2:30 p.m. Sunday) at the Dance Stage. Once you're nice and loose and ready to dance, peruse the fest's four stages, hit up the beer and food vendors, and make it in time to hear South By Southwest faves Black Joe Lewis and the Honeybears (8:30 p.m. Saturday, Main Stage) and local country crooners the Hoyle Brothers (7 p.m. Sunday, Dance Tent).

chicagofolkandroots.org

When: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Cash: \$8 donation

WATCH IT 'Get Smart' in the park

'Hoods: Edgewater, Brainerd

Prepare yourself for the Chicago Outdoor Film Festival, beginning Tuesday, with this Steve Carell-Anne Hathaway remake of the 1965 "Get Smart" TV show, screening in **Senn Playlot Park** (5887 N. Ridge Ave.) as part of the Movies in the Parks series. Grab the fam, pack a dinner and relax under the stars. Is crime-fighting tomfoolery not your speed? Head to **Brainerd Park** (1246 W. 92nd St.) to watch Fred Durst-directed "The Longshots," a dramedy about the first female to compete in the Junior Football Conference. Be sure to arrive early—seats fill up fast. For the full Movies in the Parks schedule and info on the Outdoor Film Festival, head to **metromix.com**.

When: 8:30 p.m. Saturday

Cash: Free



FIANCO

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LOVED IT: Sunny sidewalk seating

HATED IT: Absentee servers

BRUNCH TIME: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

COST: About \$15 per person

WAIT: None

The good neighbor

By M. Kathleen Pratt

The scene: Not too long ago, a friend who recently moved to the Southport Corridor area was lamenting the lack of good neighborhood dining options within walking distance of her new home. She acknowledged that there was no shortage of good bar food (the street's bursting with places to grab a burger and a beer) and casual coffee and ice cream spots. But beyond that, options were few. Couldn't I recommend something other than the always-crowded Tango Sur for dinner or Ann Sather for brunch? I was

A few weeks later, my answer appeared: Fianco. The little Italian place popped up in the space that was previously home to Winston's Market. Market owner Jerry Winston is also behind Fianco, but this new spot, a casual neighborhood bistro, is a complete reconcept.

Winston changed up the space, creating a stripped-down dining room with white butcher paper-covered

tables and stark black-and-white photos on the exposed brick walls. But most notably, he brought in chef Matt Troost, who'd been at the Peninsula Chicago for less than a year after moving to town from Ryan Hardy's award-winning farm-to-table restaurant, Montagna, at the Little Nell in Aspen, Colo.

The cuisine: Troost's approachable Italian brunch menu is designed with the neighborhood in mind. There's something for everyone, from blueberry muffin pancakes (\$9), which are denser and slightly less sweet than typical pancakes, to a meat omelet (\$10) that puts that "meat lover's" omelet at your corner diner to shame with a sophisticated mashup of bacon, lamb sausage, pancetta, green garlic and provolone. Above all, entree prices are almost mind-bendingly reasonable, topping out at \$10.

If you like to start sweet, Troost has your number. Some brunch dishes border on dessert, including the amaretto-soaked pannetone French toast



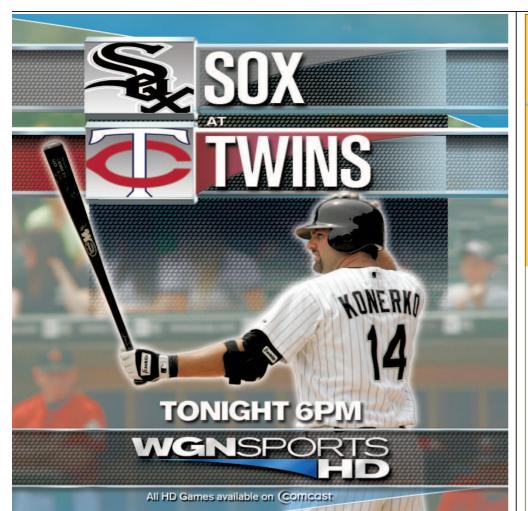
(\$8) with walnuts, candied orange zest and mint, and the paper cones of bomboloni (\$9), or little doughnuts served with fresh berries and vanilla-bourbon gelato, with espresso-chocolate sauce for dipping.

The runaway hit, though, is the Dutch baby Benedict (\$10), a single round, puffy Dutch pancake with

bacon, poached eggs and hollandaise in the center. We've seen Benedicts of just about every stripe, but this one's the rare attempt to really turn the dish on its head that truly succeeds.

A little reinvention, it seems, is just what Southport Avenue needed.

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Alice in Chains, Saturday, Sept. 19 (\$23, 17+) at House of Blues.

Buju Banton, Thursday, Oct. 1 (\$26.50-\$28, 17+) at House of Blues.

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Sunday, Aug. 30 (\$25-\$30, all ages) at SPACE.

Daughtry, David Hodges, Saturday, Aug. 8 (\$20, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

Dinosaur Jr., Lou Barlow and the Missingmen, Thursday, Oct. 15 (\$25, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

Every Time I Die, Bring Me the Horizon, Oh, Sleeper, Architects, Wednesday Sent 9

Wednesday, Sept. 9 (\$16.50-\$18, all ages) at House of Blues.

Jackopierce, Friday, Oct. 23 (\$30-\$35, all ages) at SPACE.



Lucy Kaplansky, Sunday, Oct. 25 (\$17-\$20, all ages) at SPACE.

Sondre Lerche, Saturday, Sept. 19 (\$15, early show: all ages; late show: 21+) at Schubas. The Minus 5, The Baseball Project, The Steve Wynn IV, Friday, Sept. 11 (\$18.50-\$20, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Peter Mulvey, Krista

Detor, Saturday, Oct. 10 (\$15-\$20, all ages) at SPACE.

Ellis Paul, Ari Hest,

Saturday, Sept. 19 (\$20-\$25, all ages) at SPACE.

Revolting Cocks, Jim Rose Circus, Blownload, Left Spine Down, Tuesday, Oct. 6 (\$26-\$28, 17+) at House of Blues

Michelle Shocked, Sunday, Sept. 13 (\$26-\$30, all ages) at SPACE.

Vienna Teng, Wednesday, Oct. 7 (\$18-\$22, all ages) at SPACE.

On sale noon Saturday

The Proclaimers, Tuesday, Sept. 15 (\$18-\$20, 21+) at Double Door.

Soulsavers featuring Mark Lanegan, Sunday, Sept. 27 (\$18, 21+) at Double Door.

On sale 10 a.m. Monday

Robin Williams,

Saturday, Oct. 3 (\$49.50-\$95, all ages) at Rosemont Theatre.

On sale now

Amazing Baby, Friday, Sept. 11 (\$10, 18+) at Schubas.

Brendan Benson,

Thursday, Aug. 20 (\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

Drummer, Royal Bangs, Friday, Oct. 23 (\$12, 21+) at Schubas.

The Dynamites, Wednesday, Sept. 23 (\$12, 21+) at Schubas.

Fruit Bats, Iran, Kevin Parker, Sunday, Sept. 20 (\$12-\$14, all ages), Monday, Sept. 21 (\$12-\$14, 21+) at Schubas.

I Fight Dragons, The Heaven Seventies, **Bright Like Japan,** Saturday, July 25 (\$8, 18+) at Metro.

Jolie Holland, Wednesday, Oct. 14 (\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

Japandroids, The Coathangers, Friday,
Oct. 9 (\$12, 21+) at
Schubas.

Mike Flynn's North of Memphis, The Rick Biordi Band, Friday, Aug. 14 (\$12, 18+) at Park West.

Mos Def, Jay Electronica, Sunday, Aug. 2 (\$35-\$37, 17+) at House of Blues.

NEEDTOBREATHE, The Alternate Routes, Friday, Oct. 30 (\$14-\$16, 18+) at Schubas.

Panda, Thursday, Aug. 27 (\$35-\$38, 17+) at House of Blues.

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The boys grow up

"Entourage" could sure use some Viagra.

I remember when up-and-coming actor Vince (Adrian Grenier) was getting sex all the time and tossing his cast-offs to housemate buddies Eric (Kevin Connolly), Johnny (Kevin

Dillon) and Turtle (Jerry Ferrara). The boys partied all the time and rallied round Vince to make sure their meal ticket got to movie sets and auditions on time.

Now all they want to do is talk about wild times. They talk about their feelings. They talk about loneliness. They talk about intimacy.

I thought after several seasons of watching them carry on like frat brothers, I'd welcome the guys finally growing up. But maybe not. Does growing up and taking responsibility mean you have to be boring? The comedy begins its sixth season with the guys sharing their feelings more than Oprah Winfrey's guests do. And the dialogue isn't even that witty. When Eric decides to move out of Vince's mansion, he wants to talk it out with his buddy:

Vince: "If you want to get a house, get it."

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Eric: "C'mon Vince, you don't like to be alone. Have you ever lived by yourself?"

Vince: "Have you?"

Really? I guess I'm glad they had that chat; I needed a restroom break. curt wagner, redeye

'Entourage' Sunday, HBO

9:30 p.m.

LOVE IT

SONG 'When Love Takes Over' David Guetta



pop culture continues with house DJ David Guetta Guetta, whose new single

features Kelly Rowland on vocals. It's a massive synth-driven anthem that brings the drama and the booming bass, making it a surefire hit for clubs and summer dance parties. But it's Rowland's dancediva vocals that really makes it stick out from the usual club mix. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

LIKE IT

ALBUM 'BLACKsummers'night'



In the past eight years, since he last released an album. Maxwell has apparently found the one piece he lacked: focus. On "BLACKsummers'night"- the

first of a trilogy of albums on the same theme, "blackSUMMERS'night" and "blacksummers'NIGHT" are reportedly to follow in the next two years - Maxwell maintains the vibe and the feel that made his "Maxwell's Urban Hang Suite" into one of the neo-soul movement's building blocks. But now, he's added dependable hooks to the groove. GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

'Pineapple Express'

8 p.m. Saturday, Starz

You probably don't need the reminder, but this 2008 flick starring Seth Rogen and James Franco was pretty darn funny. At times the comedy caper about two potheads who get caught in a web of crime and violence weighed itself down by trying to step too far outside the realm of traditional funny movies, but in the end it was still worth watching. Franco and Rogen made a great comedy team. JIM WALSH,

'MySims Racing' for Nintendo Wii, Nintendo DS



The game plays a heck of a lot like the "Mario Kart" series but has enough of its own merits to stand out as an alternative to Nintendo's

kid-friendly racer. The driving action is very similar to the "Kart" games. After designing a little Sim character, players zoom along tracks against several rival drivers, picking up attack and defense items along the way, jumping over obstacles and avoiding hazards. JUSTIN HOEGER, MCT

LOATHE IT

'Drop Dead Diva'

8 p.m. Sunday, Lifetime

Life lessons about positive body image spew forth when a vapidand dead-model's soul lands in the body of a plus-sized lawyer. Lifetime's silly new series has its fun moments, but mostly gets as preachy as the network's weepy movies. Stand-up comic Margaret Cho can't even save this schlock, in which ditzy Deb (Brooke D'Orsay) navigates her new life as chubby but smart Jane Bingum (Brooke Elliott). Will she find Jane's inner beauty? Of COUrse. Curt Wagner, Redeye



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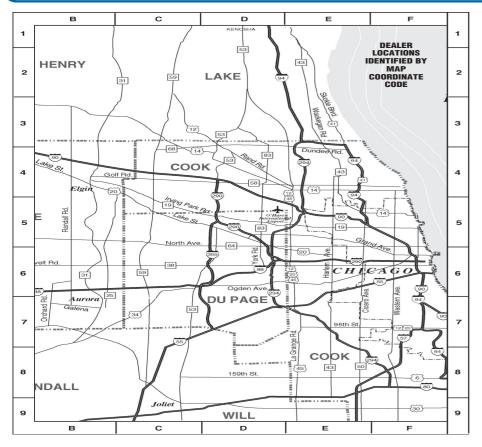


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The buzz: Writer Larry Doyle's ("The Simpsons") novel of the same name is a smart, insightful nod to the lust, booze and awkwardness of the teenage experience. Leaving this material in the hands of Chris Columbus ("Home Alone," "Rent"), one of Hollywood's least imaginative directors, seems like an awfully good way to turn an honest, sometimes

raunchy teen comedy into a bland, PG-13 tale suitable for ABC Family.

The verdict: A caricature of teen life instead of an appreciation of it, the stilted, airless "I Love You, Beth Cooper" rigidly adheres to the novel's basics and loses all of the spunk, wit and complexity in translation. (Columbus and Doyle fast-forward through everything, giving no characters or experiences time to escalate or settle, and sucking the excitement out of what's supposed to feel legendary.) Denis comes off as obnoxious instead of endearingly insecure, and Panettiere doesn't capture the reinforcement Beth gets from being adored. Overall, the movie on screen never comes close to the hilarious and relatable entertainment of the story playing in the reader's mind.



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■ Drag Me to Hell (PG-13) 11:50,2:10,4:30,6:50,9:10,11:25

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Pelham 123 (R) 10:00,12:30,2:55,5:25,7:50,10:20

■ The Hangover (R) 11:30,1:50,4:10,6:35,8:55,11:20

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- Pelham 123 (R) 11:00,4:30,10:00
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- 9:15,10:40,12:01 Pelham 123 (R) 9:55,12:45
- The Hangover (R) 11:45,2:30,5:20,7:45,10:15,12:50 Up (PG) 10:50,1:50,4:45,7:15,9:45,12:15

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The gold standard

Despite pot scandal, Michael Phelps' popularity still up there

Associated Press

Nearly a year after his record Olympics, Michael Phelps still sells.

Subway is banking on the swimmer's transcendent popularity with the launch of the first commercials starring Phelps as its new pitchman.

"In many ways, Michael breaks the mold," said Tony Pace, the company's chief marketing officer. "Based on all the tracking we do, he's still incredibly highly regarded and his performance is still something people talk about."

Phelps won eight gold medals at the Beijing Games, and Subway signed him to a deal not long afterward. The first ad rolled

out last week to coincide with an event that usually doesn't draw much attention: the U.S. national championships, which began Tuesday in Indianapolis.

That meet, and the world championships later this month in Rome, are being televised on NBC for the first time, a testament to Phelps' appeal.

"It's becoming a more mainstream sport," Phelps told The Associated Press during a telephone interview.

The Subway campaign also proves that Phelps' popularity as an endorser survived the publication of a photo showing him inhaling from a marijuana pipe last February.

"As Michael himself was disappointed, so were we," Pace said. "We didn't think it was reflective of who he was and what he's all about. We also thought because he was truly regretful, we thought he was going to be able to get beyond it."

Kellogg Co. dropped him almost immediately, but Subway stayed with him—even announcing it was doing so the day after he was suspended three months by USA Swimming.

"It just showed they stood by my side and are going to support me through a lot," Phelps said. "To be able to have someone like that who's going to be there through thick and thin means the most to me."

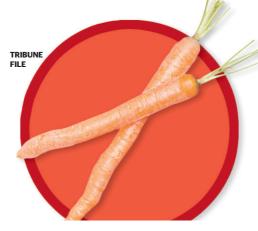
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Can carrots give your eyes a boost?

Eating carrots to improve eyesight is an old wives' tale that's off base. Carrots are nutritious, but the best foods for improving eye health are those with the antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin, essential fatty acids, vitamins C and E and the mineral zinc, according to eye experts.

The optometric association recommends 10 milligrams of lutein each day. You can get that much in half a cup of spinach or three-quarters of a cup of collards or turnip greens. The Lutein Information Bureau notes that you get more lutein from cooked spinach than raw spinach.

If you can't stand the taste of leafy green vegetables, try getting lutein through nutritional supplements. Fresh fruits or fruit juices are great sources of vitamin C; many nuts are rich in vitamin E. And most meats and dairy products are high in zinc. мст



Most students taking a pass on e-books

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FT. LAUDERDALE College students love their iPhones, BlackBerries and laptops. But when it comes to textbooks, it's still a paper world.

Even as students complain textbooks are bulky, expensive, quickly outdated and not Earth-friendly, few are rushing for digital alternatives. E-books make up only a small fraction of the textbook market because there still are too many downsides to using them, although that is changing.

"What we're finding is that students are not that comfortable with electronic media," said Stacy Volnick, director of business services for Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. "They still like the idea of holding and feeling a book."

BOOK PRICES

Textbooks averaged \$117 per book for community college students and \$127 for university students, according to a 2008 study. But students and industry experts predict once electronic textbooks become as user friendly as iTunes, the

demand for e-books will increase. For now, there are too many drawbacks, including expiration dates, no resale value and an inability to write in the e-books.

"Highlighting, underlining, taking notes, sticking a bookmark inside—those things need to be replicated" for e-books to be more successful, said James "JT" Thome, chief operating officer for **textbooks.com**.

Students like Jason Green, a senior at Nova Southeastern University, hope the change comes soon.

"I think every resource in print should be accessible online, and every library should have an e-book copy," said Green, 23.

Green recently ordered a Kindle DX, the \$489 **amazon.com** digital reader that has a screen big enough to view textbooks and newspapers. He said he is looking forward to putting all his books in one place.

Five universities, including Arizona State and Princeton, are participating in a pilot program to distribute free Kindles in some classes.

Proponents of paperless textbooks say the idea makes sense.

Boris Bastidas, 20, a sophomore at FAU, said sometimes professors will make customized books of essays or court cases. They often cost \$30 to \$50, he said, and the bookstores won't buy them back. He wonders why the information can't just be uploaded.

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Stewart tackles driver, owner tasks

Chicago Tribune

Two Decembers ago, the notion of simultaneously owning a NASCAR Sprint Cup team and driving for that team first intrigued Tony Stewart. Eight months later, on July 10, 2008, the vague idea took form at a news conference at Chicagoland Speedway: the advent of Stewart-Haas Racing, one part team recalibration, one part wholesale fresh start.

Seven months after that, in the run-up to February's Daytona 500, that fresh start nearly spoiled. On a practice lap before the company's Daytona debut, Stewart's No. 14 car blew a tire. Ryan Newman's No. 39 car was right behind the carnage, which would not have been a big deal, except that the No. 39 was Stewart-Hass' other car in the field. One practice lap collision, two primary cars wrecked. Red flag, indeed.

Yet within 30 minutes, Stewart's team had a replacement car out. By the end of the weekend's rain-shortened Daytona 500, it had a Top 10 finish.

With the Lifelock.com 400 in Joliet on Saturday, Stewart has the best ride going, driving to the Cup points lead and driving some to distraction because of the sheer improbability of it all.

But, really, this is no middling driver who started with nary a wrench in the tool box. The 38-year-old Stewart is a two-time Cup champion who remade a lethargic but well-funded two-car operation. Still, Tony Stewart is not surprised that you are surprised at what Tony Stewart hath wrought.

"No, not at all," Stewart said. "Because we are too. We're surprised that it happened this quickly."

He said this last week on a break from the kind of midsummer Florida swelter that fills your lungs with something like liquid air, back at Daytona for last Saturday's Coke Zero 400, back at the same track where that February practice-lap crash and the ensuing recovery, in Stewart's estimation, "made a statement that these guys are for real."

That was before Kyle Busch careened into the wall on the last lap and Stewart took home his second points victory of the season for Tony Stewart. In victory lane, Stewart lamented winning that way. It was just another statement on 2009: The year when Stewart takes on owner-driver double-duty and winning is what stresses him out the most.

"Honestly, I thought it would be that way, too," Stewart said. "I thought I would be five times more stressed out than I've ever been."

Five on one

The last time our panelists were riding bikes, they were on tricycles. Sign up for the weekday Five on Five panel at **redeyechicago.com/facebookfives**.

THE TOPIC

What can be done to give the Tour de France a ratings boost?



SUPRIYA DOSHI sdoshi@tribune.com

Relatability: They're on drugs, just like all your other sports



MICHAEL HINES mhines@tribune.com

Bring in Justin Timberlake for a stage. It works for "SNL."



BRIAN MOORE brmoore@tribune.com

The 14th stage has to be completed in the nude.



TRACY SWARTZ tswartz@tribune.com

Having them pee in a cup as they pedal for stare-oids.



JIM WALSH jxwalsh@tribune.com

Incorporate Megan Fox running in slow motion.

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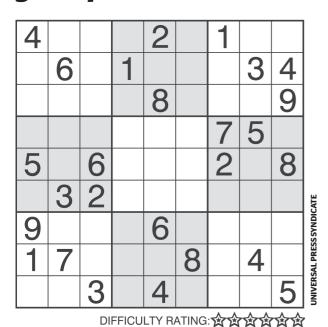


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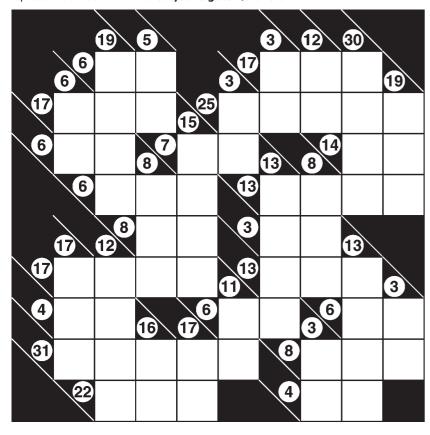
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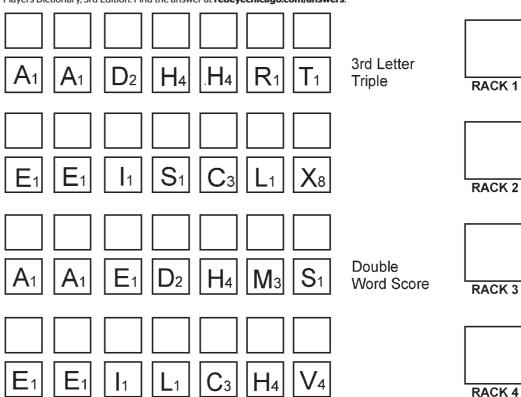
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FACEOFF

Borat vs. Bruno

The trailer for "Bruno" put it best: Borat was so 2006. Now Sacha Baron Cohen, who played the aforementioned character in "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," is back with a new schtick this weekend: the flamboyant, fashion-focused Bruno. So how do the two characters stack up? That, ladies and gentlemen, is the reason we have RedEye's Faceoff!

BORAT: He famously jumbled English sayings and vocabulary. The world owes him a debt of gratitude for his introduction of the phrase "sexy time" into the popular lexicon.



WORD PLAY



BRUNO: When he "guestwrote" an item for GQ, the fashion guru from Austria didn't hold back on the "ichs" and "echs" in his responses to questions.

Racist? Yep. Sexually suggestive? Absolutely. The Borat character is the king of political incorrectness.



CONTRO-VERSY



As we've seen in the trailer, Bruno doesn't mind getting in people's faces. More than a few scenes show him running from none-too-happy campers.

Not so much.



STYLE



From his ridiculous lederhosen to his overthe-top couture, Bruno is always a fashion standout.

Untamed, rat'snest hairdo? Check. Outrageously oversized mustache? Double check!



HAIR APPARENT



In keeping with his streamlined yet overthe-top style, Bruno is all business with a sleek, bleached blond and bangy style.

We read a few news stories before "Borat" came out, but none of that seems too memorable today.

Borat

20TH CENTURY FOX



HYPE MACHINE



Who knows if it will stick, but it seems like Bruno's been doing publicity stunts like mad in the last few weeks.

THE WINNER: BRUNO

This one has to go to Bruno. He's just so right—or should we say "right now?" At any rate, he definitely beats out Borat in today's race.



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The race to cast the lead actor in the comic book epic "The Green Lantern" has been narrowed down to three A-listers: Ryan Reynolds, Bradley Cooper and Justin Timberlake, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Warner Bros. has spent the past five months

searching for the actor to play Hal Jordan, the Air Force pilot who is chosen by a dying alien to be his successor in an intergalactic police force known as the Green Lanterns, The Hollywood Reporter said. The movie, expected to cost up to \$200 million,

is slated to open December 2010.

THE VELVET ROPE

Potter fans beware

Note to Emma Watson's (right) potential college roommate this fall: Don't decorate the dorm room with "Harry Potter" stuff.

"As long as there are no Harry Potter posters on the wall, I will be fine and happy," the "Potter" star, who's moving to the states for college, tells **people.** com.

Her co-star Daniel Radcliffe is giving her a hard time about it.



"I hope you walk in and the first thing you see is your face on a duvet," he joked at a news conference.

As for his fans, Radcliffe told **usmagazine. com**, "If girls like short and nerdy, then I'm a sex symbol."

Man in the box

What's David Arquette up to? For one thing, he's going to live in a box in New York City.

Arquette plans to stay in a Plexiglas box above the Madison Square Garden marquee on Tuesday and Wednesday to raise \$250,000 for Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief charity, The Associated Press reports. He'll stay in the box each day for about eight hours.

Jay-Z, the author?

Rumor has it Jay-Z is nearing a book deal about his life and lyrics. The New York Observer reports that Hova is in talks with the Spiegel & Grau imprint of Random House, which would be his first literary work. A rep for the rapper had no comment on the deal.

Leave it to 'Beaver'

You can't make this stuff up. In his next project, Mel Gibson will play a depressed man who "finds solace in wearing a beaver hand-puppet," according to Variety. The flick will be directed by (and also star) Jodi Foster. It's reported title? "The Beaver."

Levi's take

Levi Johnston's theory about why Sarah Palin resigned as Alaska governor, according to an interview with The Associated Press? She wanted to cash in. The former fiance of Bristol Palin said, "I think the big deal was the book. That was millions of dollars." (Side note: Johnston is reportedly working on his own book deal.)

THE DIGIT

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The issue number of the Archie comic in which the freckled hero is set to wed heiress Veronica, according to CNN. It's due to hit comic shops in August. Sorry, Betty!